

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 9, 2015
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 9, 2015 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:02 p.m. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by the publishing an annual notice in The Record of Hackensack and Herald News of Woodland Park and by posting such notice in the office of the Borough Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 1, 2015.

Council Members Colletti, Dombrowski, Martino, Pettigano, Vuoncino and Caramagna were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo, and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

Public Hearing:

Zenon Nowobilski, Hillman Drive, inquired about soccer fields and permits.

Peter Scolaro, Craig Court, also discussed field scheduling for soccer.

Daniel Golabek, Godwin Avenue, addressed field scheduling as well and the need for equality when setting field time.

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Engineering Status Report** – Mr. Murphy discussed the striping of Route 46 and Boulevard. The striping is warranted and they are working with their new contractor to get this effort accomplished. Mr. Murphy discussed the PSE&G Energy Strong project and the impact on the CDBG grant application. He discussed the sinking grate at the Recreation Center. Mr. Murphy discussed open space grant opportunities. He reported on a meeting with the Police Department regarding improvements to Pump Station #6. Design should be 90% completed by the end of the month. Mr. Murphy will also provide a schedule regarding this project. Mr. Murphy discussed a request for a work schedule regarding the 2014 Road Program from the contractor. He discussed the need for video cameras regarding the intersection at Broadway for the Boulevard Improvements for Section 8 & 9. Mr. Murphy is working to procure the lighting estimate for English Avenue Park and is also working on some soil testing. Discussion of the project and the time frames ensued.

- b. **Cost Estimate for the 2015 Road Program** – Mr. Murphy discussed the cost estimate. The estimate will used to set up the bond ordinance. Discussion as to the costs ensued. Councilman Vuoncino discussed the catch basin repairs at the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. building. Council President Dombrowski discussed the concrete work in the Cherry Hill section. Mr. Murphy discussed the issues with regard to this area. Discussion on the paving program ensued. Mr. Murphy will present a proposal and estimated cost to be approximately \$500,000. The Council can review and determine what roadways will be included in this year's road program. Discussion as to whether to repair or replace the concrete gutters on Cadmus Avenue ensued. Council President Dombrowski discussed his concern about contractors cutting into the roadways and the Borough then needing to repave certain areas. The Council agreed to the roadways to be included for 2015. Mr. Kazmark asked for the Council's consent to direct Mr. Riggitano and Mr. Rogut to draft a bond ordinance for introduction. The Mayor and Council agreed. Discussion as to installing new sidewalk on Gilbert Avenue ensued and who should be responsible.

2 – **2015 Letter of Understanding from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval at the next public meeting.

3 – **Letter from Recreation Director Donna Puglisi regarding Employee Discounts** – Mr. Kazmark explained the request regarding employee discounts. Discussion ensued. The Mayor and Council requested the ordinance be introduced at the next public meeting allowing a discount of \$50 for summer camp.

8 – **Email from the NJ Office of Vital Statistics & Registry regarding the State Exam Results** –

B. Dispoto – Mr. Kazmark advised that Mrs. Dispoto passed the State exam and per the White Collar Contract, there will be a salary adjustment.

4 – **ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance regarding Deck Definition** – Discussion ensued as to the draft ordinance. The Mayor and Council requested the ordinance be introduced at the April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

5 – **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Police Department Report – March 2015** – Accepted without discussion.
b. **Municipal Court Report – March 2015** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Pettigano reported on the “Welcome to Elmwood Park” signs.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. and as to who holds the title to the ambulance vehicles. He further reported on the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. car show date.

Councilman Dombrowski reported progress.

Councilman Caramagna updated the Council on the progress of the school improvement project.

Councilman Martino reported that the Homeowner’ Association donated \$500 to the Recreation Department.

Councilman Colletti reported progress.

Mayor Mola reported that the 100th Year Anniversary Committee is now incorporated. Discussion as to the condition of the bleachers at the high school field and the improvements ensued. Mayor Mola further discussed the Centennial Committee efforts.

7 – **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Litigation – Tax Appeal Matters**
b. **Personnel – Police Department**
c. **Potential Litigation – EP United Soccer**
d. **Litigation – Buonanno v. Elmwood Park**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Litigation – Tax Appeal Matters
Personnel – Police Department
Potential Litigation – EP United Soccer
Litigation – Buonanno v. Elmwood Park

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Vuoncino and seconded by Councilman Caramagna to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Councilman Pettigano and seconded by Councilman Caramagna to return to the public session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettigano and seconded by Councilman Caramagna to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.